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Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report	HTML	Weekly natural gas stocks and implied net changes by three regions and U.S. total
Natural Gas Weekly Update	HTML	Analysis of current price, supply and storage data
Natural Gas Monthly	PDF	Monthly supply, disposition, and price data
Natural Gas Annual	PDF	Annual supply, disposition, and price data
Historical Natural Gas Annual	PDF	Historical annual supply, disposition, and price data from 1930 – 2000
U.S. Crude Oil, Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids Reserves	PDF	Proved reserves in the United States
Oil and Gas Field Code Master List	PDF	Listing of U.S. oil and gas field names
<u>Databases</u>		
Monthly Data	TXT	Tables 1-6, and 9 from the <i>Natural Gas Monthly</i>
Historical Monthly Data	EXE	Consumption and price data, 1984-1994; 1995-present
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Historical Annual Data	TXT	Tables from the <i>Historical Natural Gas Annual</i>
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Preface

The *Natural Gas Monthly (NGM)* is prepared in the Natural Gas Division, Office of Oil and Gas, Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), under the direction of Elizabeth Campbell.

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The *NGM* highlights activities, events, and analyses of interest to public and private sector organizations associated with the natural gas industry. Volume and price data are presented each month for natural gas production, distribution, consumption, and interstate pipeline activities. Producer-related activities and underground storage data are also reported. From time to time, the *NGM* features articles designed to assist readers in using and interpreting natural gas information.

The data in this publication are collected on surveys conducted by the EIA to fulfill its responsibilities for gathering and reporting energy data. Some of the data are collected under the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), an independent commission within the DOE, which has jurisdiction primarily in the regulation of electric utilities and the interstate natural gas industry. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Explanatory Notes supplement the information found in tables of the report. A description of the data collection surveys that support the *NGM* is provided in the Data Sources section. A glossary of the terms used in this report is also provided to assist readers in understanding the data presented in this publication.

All natural gas volumes are reported at a pressure base of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute (psia) and at 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Cubic feet are converted to cubic meters by applying a factor of 0.02831685.

Common Abbreviations Used in the Natural Gas Monthly

AGA	American Gas Association	Mcf	Thousand cubic feet
Bcf	Billion cubic feet	MMBtu	Million British thermal units
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DOE	U.S. Department of Energy	MMS	Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of the Interior
EIA	Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy	OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	STIFS	Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System
IOGCC	Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission	STEO	Short-Term Energy Outlook
LNG	Liquefied natural gas	Tcf	Trillion cubic feet

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